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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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Attorney Docket No. P-5370

First Inventor Alexander G. Lastovich

Title See attached application

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 43]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 5]
- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee)
 Power of Attorney
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other:

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee Description	
1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053 130 Non - English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252 205 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253 465 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254 725 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255 985 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401 160 Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403 140 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453 650 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501 650 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502 235 Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503 315 Plant issue fee	
Total Claims	25 -20** = 5 X 18.00 = 90.00		
Independent Claims	4 - 3** = 1 X 84.00 = 84.00		
Multiple Dependent			
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1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20	
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1203	280	2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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SUBTOTAL (1)	(\$)	\$750.00	
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